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Football star turns super hero

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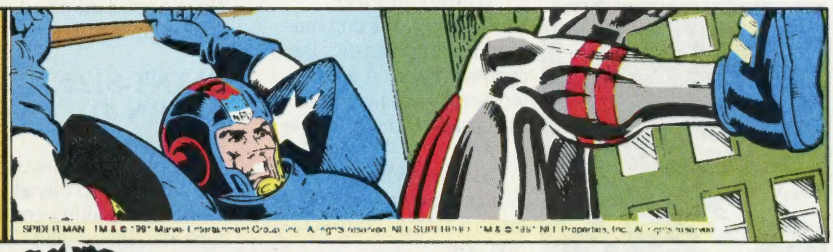

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"These Comics Are So Good, They're Required Reading!"

Titles on sale the first week of August

AVENGERS #339
Harras/Moore & Epting/Palmer **$1.00**
The bi-weeklies' cataclysmic conclusion in the final battle with Thane Ektor.

AVENGERS WEST COAST #75 $1.50
Thomas/Morgan/Bulanadi
The Fantastic Four and the Avengers West on opposite sides in the inter-dimensional fight between Thundra and Arkon.

AVENGERS WEST COAST ANNUAL #6 $2.00
Roy Thomas/
SUBTERRANEAN ODYSSEY - PART 5 (OF 5)
The Avengers vs the combined forces of Tyrranus, Mole Man and Kala in this double-cross conclusion. ***She-Hulk*** **faces the Mole Man this month in "Jenny to the Center of the Earth."**

CAPTAIN AMERICA #393 $1.00
Gruenwald/Levins/Bulanadi
Captain America vs Captain Germany, and a major turning point in the Cap/Diamondback relationship.

SuperPro meets Spider-Pro

NEW YORK, August 6: After a successful debut as the rookie super hero on the Marvel team, *NFL SuperPro* shifts into high gear and teams-up with **Spider-Man** in the first issue of his own monthly series.

The heroes join forces to crack the murderous gambling operation run by the vicious criminal Sanzionnaire.

As a pro football player, SuperPro was used to the action on the football field. Now he faces action that could put him out of the game...*permanently*, courtesy of writer Fabian Nicieza, penciler Jose Delbo and inker Mike DeCarlo.

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CLIVE BARKER'S HELLRAISER $2.95
Cover by Ovi Hondru
1) Homecoming
Rozum/Texeira
A once-human Cenobite pet escapes Hell to face the brother who put him there.
2) Haven on Hell Street
(DEVIL'S BRIGADE PART 2)
Wolfe/Van Fleet
The director of a community theater unleashes the cenobite **Face** on a social worker for the homeless.
3) Losing Herself in the Part
Murray/Morrow
A popular young actress is given a lament configuration box.
4) Inside the Laager
DEVIL'S BRIGADE - PART 4
Wachowski/Barruso
The Cenobite Abigor helps an apartheid leader crush the rebellion. **Look for a sneak preview of Clive Barker's *Weaveworld* in *Marvel Age #105*.**

DAREDEVIL #297 $1.00
Chichester/Weeks/Williamson
Beginning "The Fall of the Kingpin," as the crime lord falls under attack from the skills of the Man Without Fear, and the legal weapons of Matt Murdock.

DARKHAWK #8 $1.00
Fingeroth/Manley/ Villigran
Continuing the battle with Bazin's hired killer, Lodestone.

GIANT-SIZE X-MEN #1 $3.95
Wein/Cockrum
A complete reproduction, faithful down to the ads, of the history-making comic book that introduced "The New X-Men" to the unsuspecting world. **Look for the next step in mutant evolution with *X-Men #1* - next week.**

MARVEL COMICS #86 $1.25
Cover by Chris Marrinan
1) Wolverine (Part 2 of 8)
David/Kieth
Thefirst encounter with Cyber, the man with the adamantium skin.
2) Firestar - (Part 5 of 6)
McLaurin & Javins/ Turner/Marzan
Firestar delivers Mystique to the Arms of Salvation.
3) Beast (Part 2 of 8)
Lobdel/Liefeld/Dzon
The Beast vs. the Constrictor in Belgium.
4) Paladin
Fein/West
Paladin is hired to protect a baseball game from sports terrorists with a bomb.

NAMOR, THE SUB-MARINER #19 $1.00
Byrne[3]
The fate of the SavageLand hangs in the balance as Namor fights the Super Skrull, and the fate of Desmond Marrs lies in the hands of the Punisher. Plus, startling secrets of Namorita origins.

NFL SUPERPRO #1 $1.00
Nicieza/Delbo/DeCarlo
The Amazing Spider-Man guest-stars to help the SuperPro crack a murderous gambling operation.

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Writing and layout by Steve Saffel, coloring by Renee Witterstaetter.

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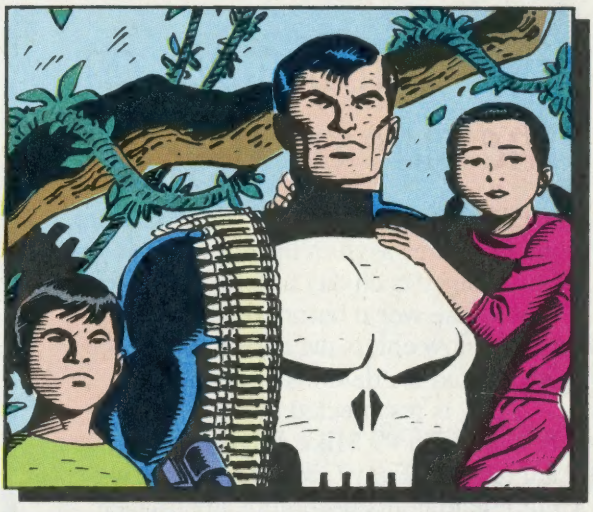
PUNISHER: FAMILY AFFAIR
$2.50
Conway/Cockrum/Albrecht
When a drug lord kills off a pair of DEA agents, he doesn't know they were the friends of Frank Castle. A special adventure with a surprising twist as the Punisher protects the surviving children of the two victims.

SHE-HULK #32 $1.50
Byrne/Byrne/K. Williams
"Jenny to the Center of the Earth" sends She-Hulk underground to face Mole Man, Spragg and a few close, personal friends.

SWEET SIXTEEN #6 (of 6) $1.00
Barbara Slate
All of Rome turns out for the big night - Princess Cornelia's Sweet Sixteen party. Be there...it's a royal command.

WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #81 $1.00
Busiek/Butler/Williams
A petty thief once captured by Spidey gains powers and comes after the web-slinger as the deadly Bloodshed.



Titles on sale the second week of August

ALF #46 $1.00
Gallagher/Manak & Haller/Severin
If you thought **She-Hulk's** trip to the center of the Earth was bizarre, wait 'til ALF goes super heavy and falls to the Earth's core in "Shall We Dense?"

ALPHA FLIGHT #101 $1.50
Nicieza/Morgan/Ivy
Dr. Strange and the Avengers help Alpha clean-up after "The Final Option."

ALPHA FLIGHT SPECIAL #4 (of 4) $2.00
Nicieza/Various
The newsstand edition of *Alpha Flight #100* -concluding "The Final Option."

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #352 $1.00
Michelinie/ Bagley/Emberlin
Spider-Man and Nova (of the *New Warriors*) must stop the rampage of the Tri-Sentinel. **Look for Spidey in *Sleepwalker #5* and *NFL SuperPro #1*.**

BARBIE #10 $1.00
Trusiani/Brock/Lucas
Special vacation issue with Barbie in Italy.

GHOST RIDER #18 $1.75
Mackie/ Texeira
Ghost Rider takes on a new villain who plans to bring Dan Ketch's sister back from the dead.

GROO: THE BAZAAR TRADE PAPERBACK (#2) $8.95
Aragones/Evanier
The classic example of stupidity in motion as we collect *Groo the Wanderer #5, 6, 7* and *8*. EPIC

GROO THE WANDERER #82 $1.00
Aragones/Evanier
Part three of "The Legend of Thaiis," leading up to the most important decision ever to strain Groo's microscopic brain. EPIC

MARVEL MASTERWORKS #16 - SPIDER-MAN $34.95
Lee/Ditko and Romita
The next classic collection with the mystery of the Master Planner, the Green Goblin (and Spidey) unmasked, Kraven the Hunter, The Molten Man and just a guy named Joe.

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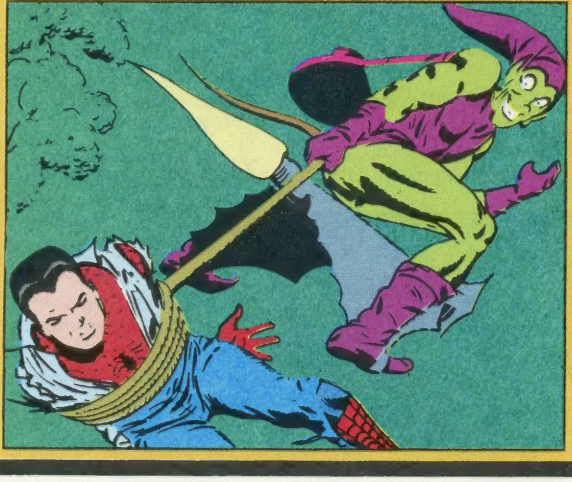
Spider-Man Unmasked!



NEW YORK, 1966: Twenty five years ago the original Green Goblin unmasked the mysterious vigilante known as the ***Amazing Spider-Man,*** only to disappear mysteriously from the crime scene.

Collecting issues #31-40,***Marvel Masterworks: Volume 16*** completes the entire Stan Lee/Steve Ditko run for the web-slinger (including the legendary Master Planner series).

It launches into the earliest issues by Jazzy Johnny Romita - the unmasking of the Green Goblin and the Amazing Spider-Man.

More titles on sale the second week of August

Asylum inmate on the side of angels

METROPOL, August 13: Eddy Current, the notorious asylum inmate who for years has escaped each day at 6:00 p.m. in order to save the world before 6:00 a.m. bed-check, now enters the dark world of the angels and the demons - ***Metropol.***

Eddy is ressurected in issue #8, and beginning in #9 **Mike Mignola** illustrates a three-part *Eddy Current* saga that will culminate in his becoming a permanent part of the ***Metropol*** cast, all courtesy of writer/creator Ted McKeever.

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MARVEL SUPER HEROES #7 $2.25

1) X-Men (Part 2 of 3)
Thomas/Buckler
The Sentinels plot to rebuild the most powerful Sentinel of all - the Master Mold.

2) Cloak and Dagger
David/Hartle/Emberlin
Cloak and Dagger return to renew their battle against drugs and crime.

METROPOL #8 $2.95

McKeever
The Demons now outnumber the Angels 800 to 1, leaving Enoch and Sarakiel in desperate need of a miracle. **Ressurected this month - the one and only Eddy Current** - courtesy of Ted McKeever and Mike Mignola. EPIC

THE ORIGINAL GHOST RIDER RIDES AGAIN #4 (of 7) $1.50

DeMatteis/Budiansky/Simons
Johnny Blaze vs. Centurious, the man with no soul and, therefore, immune to Hellfire! *From Ghost Rider #74 & 75.* **Relive the first Spider-Man/Ghost rider team-up in *Marvel Tales #254.***

PUNISHER P.O.V. #4 (of 4) $4.95

Starlin/Wrightson/Wray
Nick Fury and SHIELD have captured Deke, but his monstrous legacy lives on.

QUASAR #27 $1.00

Gruenwald/ Capullo/K. Williams
AN INFINITY GAUNTLET CROSSOVER
Thanos has unleashed the phantoms from Eon's brain, and it's up to Quasar to stop them in the middle of the Infinity Gauntlet war.

SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #190 $2.25

Thomas/Buscema/DeZuniga
The all-time classic *Savage Sword* team is reunited to begin the four-part "Skull on the Seas" epic as Conan finds the key to incredible treasure - the skull of Thulsa Doom!

SILVER SURFER #56 $1.00

Marz/Lim/Christopher
AN INFINITY GAUNTLET CROSSOVER
Part two of "The Universe According to Thanos" with the Surfer captive of the mad god...until....

SLEEPWALKER #5 $1.00

Budiansky/Blevins/Bair
Spider-Man teams up with the bizarre alien hero to stop the Kingpin and the vicious new gang lord called Crimewave.

TERMINATOR 2 #3 (of 3) $1.00

Wright/Janson
Concluding the hot adaptation of the summer movie blockbuster with Terminator vs. Terminator.

TOXIC AVENGER #7 $1.50

Moench/Ramos/Mayerik
New Yorkers are being turned into horrifying, sewer-dwelling monsters by Apocalypse, Inc. Adulterated Souvlaki. Yum!

UNCANNY X-MEN #281 $1.00

Lee/Byrne/Portacio/Thibert
The Upstarts are killing Pierce and the Reavers, and the White Queen calls The X-Men for help. **This is it - *X-men #1* - this week. And remember the X-Men adventure in *Marvel Super Heroes.***

WOLVERINE #47 $1.75

Hama/Silvestri/Green
UP FROM THE BOTTOMS - PART 6 (OF 6)
The Hunter in Darkness saga builds to an explosive conclusion. **Logan's still lending a hand in the war between SHIELD and Hydra in this month's *Nick Fury.***

WONDER MAN #2 $1.00

Jones/Johnson/Austin
Wonder Man against the Avengers , thanks to the Enchantress. And he still doesn't have a car.

X-MEN #1 (A) $1.50

Claremont & Lee/Lee/Williams
The creation of the new mutant team and their first mission against - of course - Magneto, now a nuclear power.

ZORRO #11 (of 12) $1.00

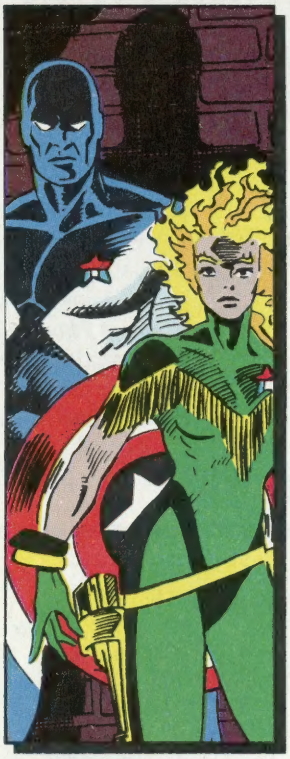
Rimmer/Taylor/ Harwood
Cover by Alex Toth
Zorro's step-mother-to-be has less-than-honorable plans to inherit as soon as possible. **Special cover by classic *Zorro* artist Alex Toth.**

Titles on sale the third week of August

AVENGERS #340
Nicieza/Palmer **$1.00**
The New Warriors against the Avengers on opposite sides of a race riot, with one of the Avengers defecting to the other side. **The Avengers guest-star in *Alpha Flight #101*, also by Nicieza.**

CONAN THE BARBARIAN #249
$1.00
Thomas/ Hartle/ DeCarlo
Cover by Art Adams
Conan is AWOL as Sonja and Zula fight for their lives against an ape-demon, and the adventure builds toward a milestone #250. **Roy Thomas, John Buscema and Tony DeZuniga return to *Savage Sword of Conan* this month.**

DOCTOR WHO #177 $3.95
Cartmel/Collins/Pini
The Doctor and the Marines to the rescue against the Cybermen, adn a double-page pinup of Peter Davison, the fifth doctor (and Tristan on *All Creatures...*).



DOUBLE DRAGON #4 (of 6)
$1.00
McDuffie/Raney/Vancata
The Dragon force is out of control, so Jimmy and Billy have to defeat a rampaging dragon statue or die trying.

EXCALIBUR #42
Davis/Davis/Farmer **$1.75**
Technet destroys the light-house in a fumbled attempt to capture Phoenix for Saturnyne.

G.I. JOE #117 $1.00
Hama/ Whigham/Emberlin
Cover by Michael Golden
DESTRO: SEARCH AND DESTROY - PART 2 (OF 3)
The Baroness captured, the castle destroyed, Destro forms an unholy alliance with the G.I. Joe team to escape the wrath of Cobra Commander.

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #17
$1.00
Valentino/Valentino/Montano
Beginning a four-part adventure: The Guardians return to Earth and find it overrun by criminal street armies. The worst are the Punishers.

INCREDIBLE HULK #386 $1.00
David/Keown/Farmer
The Hulk has to stop the Pantheon killer Achilles from succeeding in his next hit - a young kid.

INFINITY GAUNTLET #4 (of 6) $2.50
Starlin/Perez and Lim/Rubinstein
The battle between Thanos and Earth's Super Heroes becomes a cosmic brawl when Thanos agrees to give them a fighting chance! The silver Surfer makes his move. The CosmicDeities rally their forces. **Look for the *Infinity Gauntlet* tie-ins throughout the month.**

KNIGHTS OF PENDRAGON #15
Abnett & Tomlinson/ Erskine/Georgiou **$1.95**
Cover by Colin Macnell
The Black Panther and Union Jack search for the financier behind the ivory cartel, and Albion finds himself dangerously near the cult of Illuminatus.

MARVEL AGE #105
$1.00
Clive Barker and ***Weaveworld*** are in the spotlight this month.

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Military Scandal!

U.S. general seeks to *start* war

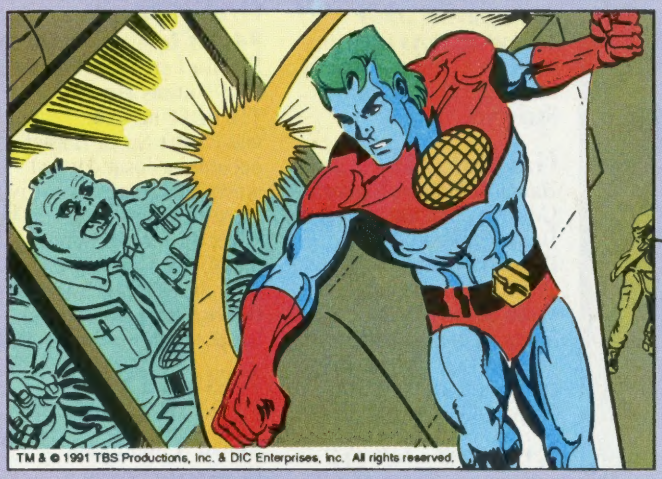
SOUTH DAKOTA, August 27: Military officials offered no response to allegations that General "Golden Mane" Allister is using government resources to wage a personal war on the Sioux and Cheyenne.

At the same time, ***Lt. Michael Blueberry,*** employed by the Union Pacific Railroad, is the prime suspect sought in the attempted theft of that company's payroll. The strange mercenary "Steel Fingers" has been placed on the scene, but there is no proof of his involvement.

Continued coverage of the Army scandals will be filed by famed international correspondants **Jean-Michel Charlier** and **Jean "Moebius" Giraud** in the critically acclaimed ***Blueberry: General Golden Mane*** graphic novel.

More titles on sale the fourth week of August

Eco-hero fights environmental terrorists



MPI WIRE SERVICE, August 27: In the wake of such environmental disasters as the Roxxon New Jersey oil spill and the fires raging in the Mid-East, a super-being has appeared to wage war against those who threaten the future of the Earth.

Primary coverage of his activities has been the exclusive animated reports aired by the Turner Network as part of the series ***Captain Planet and the Planeteers.***

Captain Planet, an exclusiveongoing monthly Marvel Comics report by writers Barry Dutter & Jim Salicrup, and artist Jose Delbo, gathers all known information, building a picture of his mystic origins.

MARVEL COMICS #87 $1.25

Cover by Dwayne Turner

1) Wolverine (Part 3 of 8)
David/Kieth
Wolverine, bleeding and hallucinating, can't stop Cyber's activities in Madripoor.

2) Firestar - (Part 6 of 6)
McLaurin & Javins/ Turner/Marzan
Firestar vs. the Arms of Salvation for the ultimate weapon.

3) Beast (Part 3 of 8)
Lobdel/Liefeld/Dzon
The Beast vs. the Constrictor, with the Red Ghost thrown in for luck.

4) Shroud
Fein/
The Shroud vs. a gang of "wilding" kids.

MARVEL TALES #254 $1.00

Wein/Andru/Perlin
Cover by Marshall Rogers
Spidey's first team-up ever with the original **Ghost Rider.** Originally presented in *Marvel Team-Up #15.*

PUNISHER #53

Baron/Haynes/ Palmiotti **$1.00**
Beginning the seven-part bi-weekly adventure as the law bears down on the Punisher once and for all.

ROBOCOP #20

$1.50
Furman/Wildman
Just as RoboCop learns of his family's disappearance, he and Lewis are faced with the most notorious killers in history.

SHIELD #28 $1.50

Chichester/Stiner/Hudson
Wolverine and Fury pursue Hydra to the Arctic to learn their deadly plans.

SPIDER-MAN #15

Larsen³ **$1.75**
Erik Larsen steps in to offer an offbeat team-up with the boisterous Beast (of *X-Men*).

TRANSMUTATION OF IKE GARUDA #2 (of 2) $3.95

Elaine Lee/Sherman
The clues fall into place and Garuda puts his life in jeapordy to recover the stolen teleportation device that could threaten the entire galaxy. EPIC

WHAT IF..? #30

$1.75
Two tales of alternative reality: WHAT IF SUE RICHARDS HAD HAD HER SECOND CHILD?

1) Valentino/Eaglesham
What if the child had been born evil beyond belief?

2) Ron Marz/Rurik Tyler
What if she had become a super heroine with the chance to save the world's ecology from mankind?

WILD CARDS TRADE PAPERBACK $14.95

Lew Shiner/Various
Last year's historic limited series based on the bestselling books in which an alien virus infects the world to create heroic Aces, biz-arre Deuces and grotesque Jokers. Writers include George R.R. Martin *(Beauty and the Beast),* Melinda Snodgrass and Lew Shiner; artists include Tim Truman, Jackson Guice and Mark Nelson.

X-FACTOR #71 $1.00

David/Strohman/Milgrom
It's a whole new, government-connected X-Factor under the leadership of Havok.

X-MEN #1 (B) $1.50

Claremont & Lee/Lee/Williams
The creation of the new mutant team and their first mission against - of course - Magneto, now a nuclear power.

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ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN AMERICA #2 (of 4)

Nicieza/Maguire/Austin $4.95

Captain America hits the scene for the first time, donning the legendary star-spangled costume, and meets a kid named Bucky Barnes.

ALIEN LEGION: TENANTS OF HELL #1 (of 4) $4.50

Dixon/Strohman/Panosian

A corporation is about to cut their losses by destroying the world on which Nomad are trying to complete a mission. Talk about suicide! EPIC

BARBIE FASHION #10 $1.00

Trusiani/Cool/Albrecht

Barbie uses brains against cheating in a winner-take-all tennis match.

BLUEBERRY: GENERAL GOLDEN MANE

Charlier/Moebius $14.95

Revealing the first meeting between Lt. Mike Blueberry, hero of the old West, and his future foe the mad General Alastair, who intends to start a full-scale war with the Sioux. EPIC

CAPTAIN PLANET #1 $1.00

Salicrup & Dutter/Delbo

Captain Planet and the Planeteers carry their mission to save the Earth from vile polluters in their very own monthly comic book series. This issue - the origin of Captain Planet - adapted from the cartoon.

CONAN SAGA #55 $2.25

Thomas/Buscema/DeZuniga

"Conan the Liberator" continues and Conan encounters a bizarre group of half-man, half-animal creatures who may or may not be friendly.

DEATHLOK #4 $1.75

McDuffie/Cowan/Manley

THE SOULS OF CYBER-FOLK - PART 3 (OF 4)

The X-Men, Fantastic Four and the Vision appear as Deathlok lies helpless while MechaDoom prepares to disassemble him and his fellow cyborgs.

DOCTOR STRANGE #34 $150

Thomas/Marrinan/McKenna

INFINITY GAUNTLET TIE-IN

Doc must defeat the Sorcerer Supreme - Agamotto - in order to return to his own time.

FANTASTIC FOUR #357 $1.00

DeFalco/Ryan/Bulanadi

The mystery of Alicia Masters deepens as the Puppet Master provides the Mad Thinker all the information he needs to destroy the FF. **The FF turns 30 in a double-sized milestone next month.**

IRON MAN #273

Byrne/Ryan/Wiacek $1.00

When a remote-control Iron Man is defeated by the Mandarin and Fin Fang Foom, Tony Stark realizes he must once again don the golden armor.

MARVEL FANFARE #59 $2.25

Cover by Joe Chiodo

1) Shanna (Part 4 of 4)
Gerber/Blevins

The explosive conclusion to the Shanna adventure.

2) Patsy Walker
Howell/Howell/Milgrom

Patsy and her husband, Daimon Hellstrom, return to their roots.

MARVEL REQUIRER #19

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The *Harvest of Evil* begins. Bwa-ha-haaaaa!™

MOON KNIGHT #31 $1.50

DeMatteis/Garney/Palmer
Cover by Bill Sienkiewicz

SCARLET REDEMPTION - EPILOGUE

The final fate of Stained Glass Scarlet, with am appearance by The Hobgobin.

THE 'NAM #61 $1.50

Dixon/Vansant/DeMulder

An escaped P.O.W. can run, but he can't hide.

NEW WARRIORS #16 $1.00

Nicieza/Bagley/Mahlstedt

The Warriors in a rematch with Psionex, who're *completely* out of control. **Look for the Warriors in *Avengers #340* (by Fabe).**

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE MASTER EDITION #11 $3.95

Mutant month hits the Handbook, too, as we're treated to the inside scoop on ***Storm*** and ***Jamie Madrox***, as well as ***Kid Nova*** and ***The Impossible Man.***

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Super Power Epidemic

NEW YORK, August 20: The Wild Cards epidemic that spread chaos, death and super powers decades ago has left a more recent legacy of terrorism, as reported in last year's ***Wild Cards*** series from Epic.

That series of exclusive reports by such famous writers as **George R.R. Martin** (novelist and television producer), **Melinda Snodgrass** ("Star Trek: The Next Generation" and others), **Lew Shiner** (series coordinator) and **Jon J. Miller,** and artists including artists including **Tim Truman, Jackson Guice, Mark Nelson, Larry Stroman** and **Barry Kitson** have been collected in a 192 page trade paperback - the perfect companion to the bestselling ***Wild Cards*** paperback series from Berkeley Books.

More titles on sale the fourth week of August

PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL #35 $1.75

Baron/Wagner/Weatherby
The Punisher poses as a movie stunt man to get to a homicidal director.

SILVER SURFER #57 $1.00

Marz/ Lim/ Christopher
INFINITY GAUNTLET TIE-IN
The Surfer is forced (by Thanos) to confront all the failures in his life after he fails the most importnt task he ever attempted.

SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #181 $1.00

DeMatteis/Buscema
THE CHILD WITHIN - PART 4 (OF 6)
Harry's mind continues to deteriorate and Spidey has to fight the Green Goblin.

THOR #437 $1.00

DeFalco/ Frenz/ Sinnott
While Sif and Balder continue the quest for the original Thor, the new Thunder God fights...Quasar.

X-FORCE #3 $1.00

Liefeld/Nicieza/Liefeld
Cable's team must save Gideon and Sunspot from Black Tom and the Juggernaut. Cameo by Spider-Man as we lead into next month's ***X-Force/ Spider-Man*** crossover by Liefeld and McFarland. **Look for Rob Liefeld's art on *The Beast* in *Marvel Comics*.**

X-MEN #1 (C) $1.50

Claremont & Lee/Lee/Williams
The creation of the new mutant team and their first mission against - of course - Magneto, now a nuclear power. **A? B? C? Confused? See the article for an explanation, and look for C and D, next month.**

X-MEN CLASSIC #64 $1.25

Claremont/Anderson/Wiacek
Cover by Mike Mignola
The origin point for *Magik* as Belasco kidnaps Ilyana Rasputin. *Originally presented in* Uncanny X-Men #160.

"X" marks the spot

- A comprehensive X-team guide for August

MPI WIRE SERVICE, August: The major mutant teams in the United States and Great Britain have stabilized their memberships in four groups:

X-MEN: The longest-surviving mutant team, the X-Men, split into two tactical groups this month. One group, led by Cyclops, includes Wolverine, Gambit, Beast, Rogue and Psylocke. Their missions appear in the new title ***X-Men*** by Chris Claremont, Jim Lee and Scott Williams. Their initial mission brings them once again into conflict withthe mutant terrorist **Magneto.**

The second tactical group, led by Storm with Marvel Girl, Iceman, Archangel & Colossus; will appear in ***Uncanny X-Men,*** plotted by Jim Lee, scripted by John Byrne, penciled by Whilce Portacio and inked by Art Thibert.

EXCALIBUR: International correspondant Alan Davis returns to cover ***Excalibur*** as writer and artist (with inker Mark Farmer) this month, beginning with the destruction of their lighthouse headquarters and the dramatic return of the bizarre extra-dimensional group called Technet.

X-FACTOR: Professor Charles Xavier has renewed his quasi-government-ties to help the United States form a new mutant tactical group under the leadership of Havok, with team members Wolfsbane, Madrox, Polaris and...ahem...Strong Man. Their first official mission appears in this month's ***X-Factor*** as the team adopts that familiar name.

AND GET READY FOR THE X-FORCE/SPIDER-MAN CROSSOVER.

X-Men Cover Guide:

X-Men #1 will be available in five different editions (A-E), one-a-week beginning the second week of August. Each edition has a different cover, and a different double-page pin-up inside. The fifth edition, available only to comic book stores, joins the first four into a spectacular Jim Lee gatefold poster, and contains all of the pin-ups. the last edition will be out early in September.